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Protected Water-supply Scheme

* 221 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for the provision of protected Water-supply under the National Water-supply and Sanitation Scheme for he guinea-worm affected areas in Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks ; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Proposals submitted by the Board of Revenue in this regard are under examination.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know the details of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As it is, priority is given when water-supply facilities are afforded to villages affected by guinea-worm. In the Third Five-Year Plan Rs. 69·4 lakhs have been earmarked for giving water-supply to the guinea-worm affected villages, 682 villages under the Comprehensive Scheme and 18 villages under the National Water-supply Scheme.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know whether the amount of Rs. 69·4 lakhs allotted for the eradication of guinea-worm disease is for Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks or for the whole State?

THE HON SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Udayarpalayam and Perambalur cannot consume such a large amount. It is for the whole State. The villages in Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks will come under that.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know how many villages in these taluks have been taken into consideration and are going to be provided with protected water-supply?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : All the villages affected by this disease in that area will be taken into consideration.

* 222 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petition, dated 10th May 1960 for the provision of protected water-supply was received from the villagers of Ayyappanaickanpettai in Udayarpalayam taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No petition has been received by the Government. The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has, however, reported that a mahazar petition, dated 10th May 1960 from the villagers of Ayyapanaickenpettai has been received by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur.

(*b*) The Revenue Divisional Officer visited the village on 30th June 1960. He is taking necessary action to provide good drinking water to the villagers.